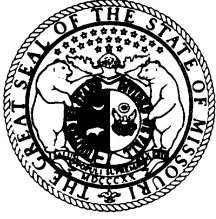


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Situation Report

Severe Storms

March 12, 2006 (4:00 PM CST)

Situation:

Severe storms have impacted several areas across the State of Missouri. Several jurisdictions have reported strong winds, damaging hail, and tornado sightings. The National Weather Service has not "officially" determined that tornadoes were involved in any of these reports. They will have assessment teams in the area on Monday. However, reliable officials from local sheriff's departments have reported tornadoes on the ground. Comments in the County/City Reports section of this SITREP are based on those local observations. Severe weather systems continue to impact communities across the State. According to the National Weather Service these systems will continue through most of the day. Two fatalities and ten injuries were reported in Perry County. Detailed reports from affected counties is as follows:

County/City Reports:

Perry County: A strong storm system struck an area of northern Perry County at the intersection of Highway 61 N and Perry County Road 832 around 9:30 PM on March 11. According to Perry County Emergency Management Director Jack Lakenan, 10 – 15 homes had either major damage or were destroyed. Red Cross damage assessments of these structures indicate 9 destroyed and 6 with minor damage. There were two fatalities that occurred when a pick-up was swept off the highway by tornadic winds and slammed into a propane tanker truck. Missouri State Highway Patrol was on-scene providing assistance. Victims' names have not been released. Ten additional individuals were injured as a result of the high winds. They were taken to Perry County Memorial Hospital. Two of these were then transported to St Louis Hospitals. There has been no update information on their status. SEMA Area Coordinator Mark Winkler is in the area and in contact with local officials. State Representative Tilley and State Senator Engler are in the area and have inquired on the status of State and/or Federal disaster declarations. They were briefed that based on current information, local affected communities have the situation in hand and have NOT requested any outside assistance. Mr. Winkler is remaining in the area to provide assistance as needed. Damages reported from other parts of the state have been mainly tree debris, hail damage, and minor power outages. SEMA has received no reports of shelters being opened at this time. Those individuals that were forced out of their homes are staying with friends or relatives. The Red Cross is contacting those individuals. Mr. Winkler has also briefed staffers from US Senator s Talent and Bond offices, and US Representative Emerson's office.

Ray County: SEMA Area Coordinator Bruce Fisher (Area A) has been in contact with Lonnie Quick (Richmond Fire Department) and Mike Arnold (Orick Fire Department) concerning weather damages in their communities. Part of the roof on the Orick School was blown off. Additionally, power to the school has been disrupted. Aquilla Power is aware of the situation and is enroute. There have been no other reports of power outages in the city. Local officials reported a tornado near the town of Hardin. Initial assessments indicate only minor hail damage, some trees down, and minor damages to some farm outbuildings. Ray County Emergency Management Director April Tarrant reported only minor wind/hail damages in the county. No one has been forced out of their homes. No assistance needed at this time.

City of Independence (Jackson County): No damages reported. They have activated the City's emergency operations center.

Kansas City: Kansas City Emergency Management Director D.A. Christian reported that severe storms with straight-line winds moved through the area around 9:00 AM this morning. One large warehouse at 1630 North Jackson sustained major damage (west facing wall collapsed), and several other buildings in the area suffered minor to moderate roof damage. No injuries or fatalities reported. The City EOC is activated at Level 1 and will continue until 10:00 PM.

Ste. Genevieve County: County Emergency Management Director Art Armbruster reported that ten homes received either major damages or were destroyed. Six individuals were transported to Ste. Genevieve Hospital. Two of these were termed critical.

Platte County: Platte County Deputy Sheriff Mike O'Neal reported that KCI Airport Terminal A was shut down for a short period earlier today due to loss of power. The wind blew a loose cargo container through a fence and hit some power lines. Only Terminal A was affected by this incident and power has been restored. The city of Riverside received minor hail damage. The Platte County emergency operations center has been activated.

Cape Girardeau County: The Red Cross set up a shelter at the Trinity Baptist Church in St Mary during the night in case anyone needed shelter. No one stayed in the shelter. Individuals who left their homes due to power outages stayed with friends or family members. Red Cross workers are in the area to begin the assistance and case management process.

Randolph County: The Randolph County Sheriff's Department reported a tornado approximately two miles north of Percy in the town of Bremen. No injuries or damages reported as of the time of this report

Bates County: The City of Amsterdam reports several mobile homes were turned over by high winds. They requested a search and rescue team from nearby City of Drexel. There is NO request for State assistance. This was as a precautionary measure. Local fire department reports no injuries and no fatalities. SEMA is continuing to monitor the situation and obtain updates from local officials. The City of Butler has activated their emergency operations center.

Clay County: County Emergency Management Director D.C. Rogers reports only minor hail damages. The County emergency operations center has been activated.

Daviess County: County Emergency Management Director Phillip Martz reported several large trees down and some broken power lines. No reported injuries or damages to homes. Weather reports indicate that hail and heavy winds are headed their way, but haven't made it to them yet.

Federal /State Actions: The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has been activated and is maintaining contact with local officials and the National Weather Service as the storm systems move across the State. SEMA has sent the Area Coordinator from Area E (southeast Missouri) to Perry County to assess the situation there. **NO requests for State assistance have been received at this point.** However, SEMA is closely monitoring the situation as more storm systems move through the area and local officials have an opportunity to assess local damages. SEMA Director Reynolds has briefed Dick Hainje (FEMA Region VII Director) on State actions. SEMA continues to monitor reports from the affected areas and is maintaining contact with FEMA Region VII. Additional SEMA staff has been placed on stand-by to continue SEOC operations and damage assessments as needed.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions: The Red Cross has representatives in the Perry County area. They plan on establishing a Recovery Center in the Parish Hall in Brewer, Missouri. This center will open on Monday March 13 at 8:00 AM. AmeriCorps St Louis is deploying a team to Perry County to provide debris clearance and community support. Other volunteer agencies (Salvation Army and Southern Baptists) have been alerted and activated.

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